



## Volunteering in Springfield

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# What's Up in Springfield

This summer is sizzling! Not just the temperature in the Willamette Valley but the activity around Volunteering with the City of Springfield.

**National Night out in the park was amazing.** Tuesday ended up being a great time to meet your neighbors and serve your community. Volunteer 's with Neighborhood Watch, the City of Springfield and CERTS joined together for this great event. If you want to be involved in Neighborhood Watch or Volunteer in your neighborhood. Ask me how...

**What Opportunities are just around the corner?** Nick Symmonds 800, Project Hope, Chalk Fest, SPD Open House, City Hall Kiosk, Traffic counting, Clean Water and library support... so many Volunteer options! Can't wait to see everyone making our community better!

**Did you feel the earth quake the 4th of July weekend...** Have you thought about Emergency management and a plan for your family? The Eugene/Springfield CERTS program has expanded and is holding monthly meetings in Springfield. The fall CERT classes are being scheduled now...

**New Data base Volunteer platform coming soon...** The City of Springfield is making volunteering easier than ever with the announcement of a new volunteer coordinating platform. Schedule, record hours, find out what is going on and sign up to participate in one easy place! Watch for more details coming soon. Our goal is to roll this out in September/October for volunteers to start using... Stay tuned! I have so much to share... Check out the newsletter and email me. Get involved in your City! Springfield is a wonderful place to work, play, live and VOLUNTEER!!! Thank you for all you do!

KarLynn Akins  
Volunteer Coordinator  
City of Springfield



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### Special points of interest

- August-September Volunteer Birthdays
- A list of Go Bag Items
- New Volunteer Data base Platform coming soon!
- Fall classes starting soon



## projectHOPE

Project Hope is a Kid's Fair event where The City of Springfield, local non profit organizations, Faith based organizations, and businesses work alongside the Springfield school district to provide and pass out backpacks, school supplies and shoes to families who are on the reduced lunch program. Help us serve our community and send kids back to school in style...

**Would you like to help? We are looking for 6 Volunteers to help coordinate the Volunteer Check in, First Aid and Lost and Found area.**

**Event Date: August 30th 2:30 to 7:30 pm**



## Amateur Radio License Fall Class

**Dates:** Sept. 10, 17, 24  
Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Time:** 7 pm—9 pm \*each Thursday night

**Place:** American Red Cross building  
862 Bethel Dr, Eugene

**Cost:** *No cost for the class!*  
The study book is \$30.  
License exam fee is \$15 at exam time.

**Book:** Ham Radio License Manual, 3rd Edition  
Available from the following sources:

Matt" Dillon, 439 Heywood Ave,  
Eugene OR 97404 541-689-0640

[w7ard@msn.com](mailto:w7ard@msn.com)

If you want to get a book from me I need to know by Sept. 1, 2015.

Ham Radio Outlet, Portland store,  
1-800-765-4267

American Radio Relay League, [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)  
[Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

**Available Seats:** 20

**Registration Deadline:** September 1, 2015

**Registration Contact:**

Arnold R. "Matt" Dillon W7ARD  
439 Heywood Ave, Eugene, OR 97404

## Amateur Radio License - Fall Class -

If you are interested in Emergency Communication or just like talking to people worldwide via radio, maybe a Amateur Radio (HAM) License is for you. The City of Springfield uses HAM radio volunteers for a variety of events and program. It's another way to be involved.

To get started as a Amateur Radio operator, you first need to get your Technician License (Entry-Level license). There is no age limit, minimum or maximum, for getting a license. The youngest person to get their license was 5 years old.

Interested, but still not sure, maybe you have some questions. A very good person to ask about Ham Radio is "Matt" Dillon, W7ARD ([w7ard@msn.com](mailto:w7ard@msn.com)). Mr. Dillon has offered classes for people to learn and study for their licenses for many years. In fact, he is putting on a class this fall for the Technician License. Information about when and where is listed on the left side of this page.

**Registration deadline September 1, 2015**

## CERT VOLUNTEERS

(Community Emergency Response Team)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for potential hazards that may impact their area and provides basic training on initial disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can better assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

The Springfield District holds monthly meetings the last Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. in the Springfield Justice Center; EOC located at 230 Fourth Street, Springfield. Meetings are open to the public.

*40 Volunteers Needed for the Nick Symmonds 800  
Race in September.*

## 4th Annual Nick Symmonds Springfield 800 — September 26th @ 10 AM

On Saturday, September 26th join Springfield resident, two-time Olympian and five-time 800 meter U.S. Champion Nick Symmonds for the only "straight 800" meter road race. For the second year, this race will be sanctioned by the USATF.

A typical 800 meter race is two laps around an Olympic track, this race will run down 5th Street in the Historic Washburne District in downtown Springfield, a straight road course with no turns.

Everyone can participate in the 800. Several waves of skill levels will be available. Waves will be staggered every 5 -10 minutes, with the walkers starting first. Waves include: Elite Men, Elite Women, Masters (40 & Over) Men, Masters (40 & Over) Women, Open Men, Open Women, Youth (Boys and Girls Combined) and Walkers.

Over 40 volunteers will be needed to make this road race and community party happen.

Contact KarLynn (email: [kakins@springfield-or.gov](mailto:kakins@springfield-or.gov); phone: 541-726-4652) if you are interested in volunteering for this event. Make sure to mark your calendar to participate cheer or volunteer... You don't want to miss it! (More information on the [City of Springfield web page](#))



# What's in your "GO" bag? What is a "GO" bag??? -

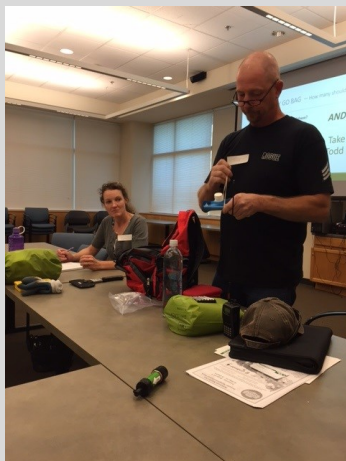
Do you have a "GO" bag? Do you know what a "GO" bag is... Even the most experienced CERT members learned something new at the Springfield Neighborhood CERT meeting last Monday. Todd Perkins and Marcy Toy gave a presentation on suggestions for a "GO" bag... Everyone took notes and said... "I'm adding that to mine!"

A "GO" bag is an emergency bag filled with items one may need in case of an emergency. There are websites and businesses that sell "GO" bags but you can create one with many of the items you have in your home for free or at a low cost. As Todd shared, "It's just making one and then having it available to use." Your "GO" bag should be stored year round in an easily accessible location. Many people keep one at home and one in their car. Think... where could I be, what would I need if the power goes out, the drinking water supply system goes down, an earth quake happens, a flood happens, I can't get to a store, or there is no store to get to and more... The news is filled with broadcasts on happenings around the world.

Are you prepared if something happens at home? Are you prepared to help yourself, to help others and then volunteer in your community. CERT members are just that... But you don't have to be a CERT member to be prepared. Check out the list of items Todd has in his "GO" bag. Register on line or contact Isa, the Springfield CERT coordinator, for additional information on volunteering with the Springfield CERTS team!

ISA Aviad— [casagalore@msn.com](mailto:casagalore@msn.com)

Register On line— [www.eugene-cert.com](http://www.eugene-cert.com)



## Suggested "Go" bag items from Springfield CERTS Todd and Marcy.... All of this is in the red backpack above

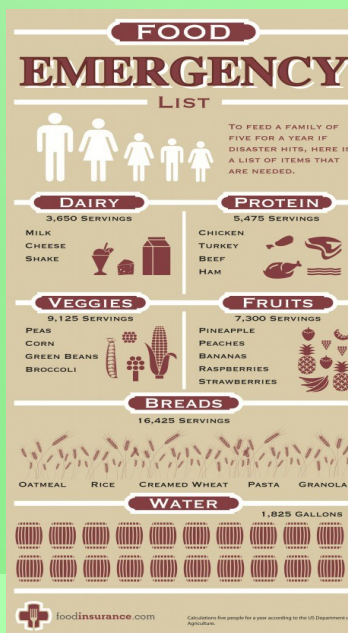
Dry bag with change of clothes, rain gear, tarp, Para cord, tent stakes, emergency blanket/sleeping bag, cash, contact list, head lamp, bug net, flint striker, needle and thread, lighter, cotton balls in Vaseline, water bottle, water purification tool, whistle, hatchet, gloves, duct tape, knife, multi-tool, flashlight, compass, solar charger, batteries, charger for phone, First aid kit, sunscreen, bug spray, lip balm, soap, hand warmers, reading glasses, pencil, pen, medications, towelettes, personal hygiene items, toilet paper, Cliff bars, blow up boat, and more...

### Other suggestions...

Super glue, safety pins, plastic bags, rubbing alcohol, antibiotic ointment, wrench, pliers, can opener, maps...

You don't have to go crazy all at once... Just start gathering a few items and thinking ahead...

## Food for Thought....



## Happy Birthday Volunteers

### August

Thomas Germaine  
Jimmy Miranda  
Margaret Nuse  
William Parmenter  
James Stinson

### September

Brittany Bachman  
Karen Dunn  
Peter Fehrs  
Sheryl Grimes  
Joan Guiley  
John Hamburg  
Carole Knapel  
Sarah Knerl  
Mike Koivula  
Kimarie Lamb  
Daniel Larsen  
Raymond Linneman  
Annette Miller  
Sallie Montaño  
Haley Songchild

If your name is missing from this list  
contact KarLynn Akins  
Ph: 541-726-4652 or  
[kakins@springfield-or.gov](mailto:kakins@springfield-or.gov)

Next Springfield CERT meeting:  
August 31st at 6:30 pm

Next CERT Class begins: 1st Monday of October. You can request to be placed on a the class list now!  
<https://eugeneorcert.samariteam.com/>



## Opportunities—Happenings in Springfield

### City of Springfield

#### VOLUNTEERS

##### Qualifications

16 years of age or older  
Good moral character  
Good driving record  
No felony convictions  
Pass background check

##### Requirements

Good people skills  
Enjoy your time  
Attend meetings  
Volunteer at least 4 hours per month  
Maintain a positive attitude  
Present a professional appearance

Police Department  
Reserve Officers  
Courts  
Fire and Life Safety  
Library  
Development and Public Works  
Administrative Services  
City Manager's Office

For an application select the link below:

[Individual Applications](#)

[Group Applications](#)

[Parent Permission Form](#)

[Library Application](#)

**August 15th (Sat):** Chalk Fest 2015 at 5th St & A St

**August 15th (Sat):** Springfield Emeralds and Pre-game exhibition softball game between Springfield and Eugene Police Departments... Come join in the fun!

**\*\*\* August 30th\*\*\* (Sun):** Project Hope Kid's Fair—Silke Field Parking Lot, 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.  
Volunteers needed for check-in, first aid, lost & found.

**September 12th (Sat):** Springfield Justice Center Open House, 10 a.m.— 2 p.m.  
Volunteers needed

**September 26th (Sat):** Nick Symmonds Springfield 800—Looking for Volunteers

**October 24th (Sat):** Public Safety Fair—Looking for Volunteers (*time and place TBA*)

**City Hall Kiosk (Mon—Fri):** Volunteers needed 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. shifts. A six (6) month commitment is preferred.

**Springfield Police Department and Municipal Court—Internships: OPEN NOW**

If you are interested in an internship with the Police Department or Municipal Court for Fall or Winter terms go to <http://www.springfield-or.gov/volunteer/volunteerinternships.htm> and download the application.

Email or call KarLynn for more details on any of the opportunities listed above.

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KUDOS to the East side Baptist Church who volunteered their time to clean up the waterway behind Winco.

If your group is interested in volunteering with our Waterway Clean-Up program ... contact Water Resources at [waterresources@springfield-or.gov](mailto:waterresources@springfield-or.gov)

